

## **HERS Index Score Factsheet:**

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### **HERS Index Score of 0 (Net Zero)**

- This home is a Net Zero Energy Home. This means that this home produces as much energy through renewable resources, such as solar panels, as it consumes. Only a Net Zero Energy Home can score 0 on the RESNET HERS Index. Among the advantages of a Zero Energy Home are:
  - Improved health and comfort: a Net Zero Energy Home reduces temperature fluctuations.
  - Cost effective: a Net Zero Energy Home that produces energy not only shields its owner from fluctuations in energy prices but can eliminate energy bills altogether.
  - Environmental sustainability: a Net Zero Energy Home protects the environment by reducing greenhouse gases, cutting carbon emissions and saving energy.

### **HERS Index Score of 10**

- Tremendous effort has gone into making this home very energy efficient. These homeowners will enjoy watching their utility bills decrease while the comfort level of their home increases. The next step would be to eliminate energy costs altogether by having the house produce its own energy. A RESNET certified Rater can show you how you to convert your home into a Zero Energy Home that actually produces as much energy as it consumes.

### **HERS Index Score of 20**

- This house is well on its way to becoming a Zero Energy Home, which is environmentally friendly and produces as much energy as it consumes. Homeowners can apply for Energy Efficient Mortgages to help them finance the energy improvements they need to transform their homes into high energy performance ones.

### **HERS Index Score of 30**

- This home is 70% more energy efficient than a standard new home and 100% more efficient than the typical resale home! It has been designed and built with energy efficiency in mind, resulting in a home that is environmentally friendly, enjoys a high comfort level and benefits from low energy costs.

### **HERS Index Score of 40**

- The builder has done a lot of the right things to make this home more energy efficient, like using energy efficient lighting systems and installing efficient heating and cooling equipment. A RESNET certified Rater can make recommendations on further improvements that could result in even greater saving

### **HERS Index Score of 50**

- This home is 50% more energy efficient than a standard new home built to the standard of the 2006 International Energy and Conservation Code, and 80% more efficient that the average resale home, which already puts it in a better bracket than a standard new home. However, there are still many improvements that can be made. A RESNET certified Rater is the ideal person to talk to about what more can be done.